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**RIVER PLATE ITEMS.**

—The conditions of peace have been definitely fixed and signed in Uruguay. Let us hope that unfortunate country will now be able to recover some of the ground lately lost through bad government and revolution.

—The Argentine chamber of deputies has altered Art. 286 of the Commercial Code, to read as follows:—"The companies formed in foreign countries to carry on their principal business in the republic, with the greater portion of their capital raised in the country, or who have their central board of directors and meetings of shareholders in the country, shall be considered for all effects and purposes as national companies, subject to the dispositions of the code."

—According to reports published in Salta there is a prospect of the revival of cattle trade with Bolivia. The executive of that country has sent a message to the legislature advising a reduction of the taxes on Argentine cattle. Those taxes had become so exorbitant, that it no longer paid to send cattle to Bolivia to be sold and the trade practically died out. If the legislature of Bolivia approves the bill it will put some life into the present stagnant business of the north.—Times, Buenos Aires.

—The exports of cereals from Uruguay in 1896, as compared with 1895, were as follows:

	1896	1895
Wheat, tons .....	6,399	99,954
Flour " .....	17,714	19,562
Maize " .....	89,896	67,645

The value of the exports of agricultural produce during the past four years has been:

1893 .....	\$ 746,166
1894 .....	3,046,625
1895 .....	3,735,776
1896 .....	2,018,985

—Review.

—The *El Chirio* of Salta reports that several Indians, among them a *cacique*, were killed some days ago by the national guard officer Antonio Campos. The latter had gone in their search because they were accused of brigandage, and succeeded in capturing them. They were taken to a caboose where they did not like the accommodation and attempted to make their escape. Antonio Campos ordered his men to shoot them down for insubordination and the order was carried out. As the Indians were known to have been of an inoffensive character and the charges have not been proved, it is proposed to take proceedings against Antonio Campos for manslaughter.—Buenos Aires Herald.

—A good many are inclined to think that the good people who ran the anti-gambling organization in England, are just a little given to exaggeration. They are cranks, let us say. But if people have become cranks through seeing the ill effects of gambling in England, we wonder to what stage of imbecility they would be reduced by a visit to this country. The lottery business was at one time actually suppressed. Now it has been reintroduced in the sacred cause of charity; and every second shop sells lottery tickets. There must be something in the business for the shonker, or else there would not be so many engaged in it. Yet it seems almost impossible to believe that so many as would appear at a diving in this way. The itinerant lottery ticket seller is not supposed to exist any longer; but one cannot go far without being pestered by one someone's *último gainho*. Where so many facilities exist for the practising of dishonest, straightforward, unadulterated gambling, it is little wonder that the middle class which in England are all that can be permitted should not flourish here. Yet the automatic machines, in which the odds are so carefully against anyone who parts with a nickel, appear to be gaining customers.—Review, Buenos Aires.

—In our "Echoes" will be found a translation of the remarks of our finance minister, Dr. Rodarte, upon the reasons which have impelled the government to raise the customs dues on kerosene and yellow pine, the two articles which we import in the largest quantities from the United States. The minister says, in effect, that because the legislature of the United States has imposed heavy duties upon wool and hides, thus impelling our exports to that country, therefore the Argentine government is called upon to retaliate by raising the dues upon kerosene and lumber, and this policy is apparently approved by the majority of the Argentine press. We frankly confess that we neither understand nor appreciate the line of argument taken by our finance minister. It seems to us that it is an absolutely self-evident proposition that the only effect of the duties imposed by United States upon our wool and hides will be to make these articles more expensive to the manufacturer and consumer in the United States, without in any way affecting the producer or exporter in Argentina. The United States needs our wool and hides, and is going to buy them, and the buyers will pay the duties imposed at that end, so that Argentina remains absolutely unaffected by those duties, and has no need whatever, so far as her material interests are concerned, to worry herself about the matter. If the U. S. government chooses to make Argentine wool and hides so dear in the United States, that the manufacturer cannot export the manufactured products of those articles, and the local consumer will have to pay more for them, that is surely a question of internal policy, and has nothing to do with us so long as our exports are not affected thereby, and just as free wool did not affect our prices or exports in any appreciable degree, so a return to high duties will not lessen our exportation.—Review, Buenos Aires, Sept. 11.

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Costa, General Secretary; K. A. W. Sloan, Hon. Treas.

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### AN AQUATIC NEWSPAPER.

A novel undertaking had a highly successful result on the recent outward voyage of the P. S. N. Co's steamer *Orcana*—being nothing less than the publication on board of a small newspaper. The steamer carries a printer, with a small press and outfit of type, etc., which are employed in the printing of the *menus*. As it is customary to organize sports, a tournament and concert on the long run between Lisbon and Pernambuco, it was decided to add the publication of a newspaper during this voyage. The passengers responded enthusiastically, and the result was more copy than was required. The paper was called *The Orcanite*, dated the 11th inst., and comprised six pages of brevier, note size, of editorial and local comment—the personal element prevailing. The paper contained an account of the 7th of September celebration among the Brazilian passengers, an account of the sports and tournament and a report of the concert on the evening of the 10th inst. The editorial, which *The Orcanite* will permit us to transcribe, was as follows:

#### EDITORIAL

We regret to advise our readers, whose name is legion, that the publication of the *Orcanite* will be suspended for a brief interval. This step is taken, not on account of a breakdown in our press, or a dearth of news, or failure on the part of our subscribers to pay their subscriptions; it is simply and solely a measure of reasonable precaution. Discretion is said to be the better part of valour—and for such bravery we have established a long and brilliant reputation.

We are now in Brazilian waters, and are therefore within the sphere of the remorseless South American revolution. It is well, therefore, to be discreet, and the best way to do it is to be silent. To-morrow we shall enter the port of Pernambuco, where an opposition editor was shot a little over a year ago by hired assassins. In another day we shall reach the port of Bahia, near which some thousands of regular soldiers are trying to suppress a mob of religious fanatics who want to set up an Apostle and Saint unrecognized at Rome and Rio de Janeiro. Four days later, if the *Orcana* keeps up this breathless rate of speed, we shall be in the bay of Rio de Janeiro, where the embers of the 1893 revolt are still smouldering, and where Gen. Glycerio and the Jacobins are fife-fanning the streets in search of stray Englishmen. A few days later we shall anchor off Montevideo, where a President has just been killed, and near which a "hide-and-seek" revolution is now in hilarious progress. Across the River an electoral campaign, led by the redoubtable Gen. Roca, is in evidence, while the locusts are swarming over the frontiers and devastating the country. In Chili, Gen. Canto has recovered from his recent duel, and is now ready to open another campaign against the alien military talent made in Germany. In other parts of the continent, the "genius of liberty" is running amuck with an uncomfortable knife in her hand and a convenient "chip on her shoulder," thirsting for the blood of the inoffensive editor who has an opinion of his own. Under such circumstances, we feel sure that our subscribers will give us leave to take a short vacation. The combination against us is too strong, and the rewards for well-doing are too small, to make it worth our while to continue. When better times come—if the *Orcana* can manage to overtake them—we shall resume our professional duties, even though we may not have the goddess of South American Liberty to preside over our well-meaning efforts.

### CLUB DAS LARANGEIRAS

The next Smoking Concert will be given at the Club on Saturday, 2nd October.

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Rio de Janeiro, 17th September, 1897.

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Porto Alegre, 14th August, 1897.

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COUNCILLOR Lourenço de Albuquerque certainly deserves the thanks of the over-burdened tax-payers for having caused to be published in a journal of this city a statement, said to have been prepared by a competent person, showing how the *personnel* employed in various branches of the public service has increased in number and cost since 1890. There has been in seven years an increase of nearly 40% in the number of persons employed in the branches of the public service included in this statement, although, rightly, there should have been, instead, a considerable decrease, since a great part of the respective service should have been transferred to state and municipal governments. The increase in salaries and wages was still greater. In 1890 the respective *personnel* cost the country 39,383,045-189, and in 1897 no less than 107,719,305-966, the increase being 68,336,291-777, or over 170%. The cost of the *personnel* in the war department increased from 12,000,000\$ to 57,000,000\$, or 375%. It is to be hoped that this statement, whose publication is unquestionably a step in the right direction, will be followed by others of a like character resulting from useful investigations that throw much light on the nature of the financial problem and show where the work of solving it should commence. We give the table in another column.

THE discussion over the defective tramway service in this city seems to us to be devoid of that spirit of fairness which ought to govern the decision of every question relating to a public service. There can be no disputing the fact that the tramway service has become very defective, and that the public is being very badly treated. As far as our personal experience goes, we find that the lines are not well maintained, the tram-cars are insufficient in number and are dirty and in bad condition, and the service is irregular. A considerable percentage of the passengers is unable to find seats, and is therefore obliged to ride on the platforms or hanging on at the sides. And as for the time lost in waiting for a seat, it is simply incalculable. All this is certainly reprehensible, and the public is entitled to complain. If the streets are to be occupied by a private company for purposes of private gain, then the people have a perfect right to exact a good service for the franchise given. But there is another side to the dispute which we ought not to ignore—the right of the companies to a fair compensation for the service rendered. Now, are they receiving a fair compensation? We think not. The fares in force were fixed many years ago when the currency was at or near par. To-day this currency is worth less than one-third its par value, which means that the companies are receiving less than one-third the income they counted upon. As their rolling stock, machinery and hay is imported and paid for with gold, it is evident that they are working at a very great disadvantage. Calculated in gold, they are carrying passengers at an unprecedentedly low rate, so low in fact that it is practically impossible for them to keep their lines and service in good order and pay dividends. We do not believe that the public wants these companies to perform a gratuitous service; they are entitled to dividends, and the people do not begrudge them. In view of this, the fair settlement of the dispute is to permit an increase of fares, and then to insist on a good service.

THE present situation in Brazil is unquestionably one of great difficulty and danger, and to meet it heroic remedies are undoubtedly necessary. But the cure will be effected, not by exhausting the patient, but by building up his strength. To continue exhausting expenditures and then to tax the country still more heavily to meet them, is a sure way to bring about the ruin which everybody is trying to avoid. The intention of Deputy Serzedello may be thoroughly good and patriotic, but in the bill which he has just laid before congress his judgment is certainly at fault. He wishes to improve the financial situation, but to do this he proposes to complicate it still further, to force another readjustment of the debt at a lower rate of interest, to further legalize lottery drawings by making them sources of revenue to the state, and to hoodwink the public by setting apart various uncertain sources of income for paying off national obligations. We have hitherto entertained hopes that Deputy Serzedello's experiences with despotic methods of government would render him more conservative in the future. But in this we were mistaken. Although he has himself held the portfolio of finance, he has nothing better to offer us than a measure increasing the burdens of taxation in a country where they are already excessive. To the common mind, the true remedy for the present situation is that of severe retrenchment. The country is spending far more than its income, and many of the expenditures are wholly unnecessary as well as non-reproductive. The true course would be to abolish every one of these expenditures, and thus bring expenses within the national income, without adding a *centavo* to existing taxation. This would be true statesmanship as well as true economy, for it would be meeting public obligations without



exhausting the capital of the nation. Deputy Serzedello does not see this apparently, for he would go on piling up taxation, and thus exhausting the people, merely to cover worse than useless expenditures. There is no sense in such a policy, nor even patriotism.

#### CAVIAR IN BRAZIL.

The savoury and piquant taste of caviar, as well as its suitability for use as *hors d'œuvre*, sandwiches, and for various culinary preparations, is one of the most appreciated preserves among gourmets. Thus writes the French consul at São Paulo, who goes on to say that there should be a considerable outlet for it in his town, where "fortunes are so numerous, and where there is a tendency, as much among foreigners as among Brazilians, to seek out all the refinements of the European cuisine. Unfortunately, the caviar outlet is forcibly restrained, in consequence of the excessive price at which the article is retailed.... The locally consumed caviar is derived almost exclusively from British or German houses. True Russian caviar is easily told by the superiority of its quality, the delicacy and freshness of the 'grain,' which is very loose, while British or German caviars are only a species of pulp (bouillie) which has lost nearly all its aroma." The consul attributes the scarcity of the true Russian article to the fact that Russia has no direct trade relations with Brazil, and that it is by way of Hamburg or London that Russian caviars are sent, and they are stripped of their original marks and supplied with new British or German labels. In the consul's opinion, if the intermediary of the Britisher and the Teuton could be dispensed with, there would be a great reduction in the retail price of caviar and a considerable increase in its consumption in Brazil. —*Chamber of Commerce Journal*, for August.

#### BIKE RIDING.

A long discussion has been going on at the Hospital Medical Society (Paris), as to the benefit or harm to be derived from riding the bicycle, and the debate was all the more interesting from the fact that most of the members taking part in it themselves had experience of the machine in question. M. Petit reported a series of accidents, and cited five recent cases of death occurring in persons either actually riding or who had just left off. He concluded that persons suffering from cardiac affections ought either to abstain from bicycling altogether or at any rate only do so with the most extreme moderation. Philistines people should for the most part abstain altogether; but, on the other hand, those predisposed to tubercle have in many instances derived great benefit, as have still more those suffering from certain nervous affections, neurasthenia, chlorosis, and constipation. Finally, M. Petit reminded the meeting that various affections of the joints and of the genito-urinary organs in both sexes, incompletely or only recently cured, had been revived or aggravated by the bicycle. M. Hallopeau, replying to M. Petit, said that the bicycle, which was not a physiological method of progression, offered, like all forms of athletics, both advantages and disadvantages. These latter were specially marked in cardiac subjects in whom cardiac failure supervened. In certain subjects even, when free from cardiac disease, riding provoked painful sensations connected with the heart. He considered it prudent to avoid riding against head winds or up steep hills, and by taking this precaution many grave actions would be avoided. Some people experienced numbness in the great toes during a prolonged ride, a phenomenon which M. Hallopeau attributed to the pressure of the saddle on the sciatic nerves. —*Lancet*.

#### PROVINCIAL NOTES

—On the 8th inst., there were 24 new cases of small-pox at Monte Santo.

—Two of the best plantations in the municipality of Amparo, S. Paulo, were sold last week to satisfy maturing mortgages.

—There is said to be much discontent among the officers in Bahia on account of the delay of the war department in making promotions.

—The 5th, 6th, 12th, 15th, 25th and 33rd battalions of infantry have been almost annihilated in the war in Bahia. The 9th and 12th battalions are now commanded by lieutenants and two of the companies are commanded by sergeants. One of the battalions has only about 20 men left.

—The *Diário*, of Bahia, says that according to a letter from Monte Santo, there have been only four deaths in Camudos since the 13th. The women and children are starving. The information is from prisoners.

—There was a revolt among the Spanish colonists on the estate of Dr. Moraes Barros, near Piracicaba, on the 16th, which resulted in an attack on the estate. A police force was sent for and some arrests were made.

—It is stated that the fanatics in Bahia, while engaged in military operations, do not neglect their agricultural work. They are said to be divided into detachments who regularly relieve each other in both occupations.

—An Anacjia telegram of the 27th announces that the coasting steamer *Oceano* had grounded on the Estancia bar. It is expected that it will be impossible to save the vessel. She is bringing a cargo of sugar to this port.

—Mail advices from Amazonas state that small-pox is steadily increasing at Manaus and throughout the state. It is singular that Brazilian municipal and sanitary officials are never able to do their work properly and thus ward off these periodical epidemics.

—The trouble in S. Carlos do Pinhal, São Paulo, seems to have arisen from an attempt on the part of Dr. Rodolpho Faria to suppress gambling in that town. The parties interested are resisting, have made public demonstrations, and have even threatened Faria's life.

—A São Paulo exchange of the 21st notes the death of a celebrated bandit named Chico Pitangui in the *comarca* of Barretos, who was the author of several murders and a terror in that region. He had been cornered by a police force and was summoned to surrender. He refused and was accordingly shot.

—The minister of war telegraphs that Gen. Arthur Oscar has completed the investment of Camudos. The minister has ordered the troops under the command of Gen. Carlos Eugenio to hasten to Camudos for the purpose of strengthening the lines of the besieging army. He says that there is reason to believe that the war is nearly ended.

—The chief of police of the state of Minas Geraes is said to have received information of serious disturbances that occurred in Baurilhy on the 7th inst. Full particulars are not given, but it is stated that there were shots of a hurra for monarchy, and "Down with the republic!" The court, which was sitting there at the time, is reported to have adjourned. A large detachment of police has been sent by the chief to Baurilhy.

—A S. Paulo telegram of the 25th inst. states that at Uberabinha there were arrested some days ago two men accused of passing counterfeit notes. In their possession were found 28 counterfeit notes of 100\$. It is also stated that 188 of such notes were found in the possession of two men arrested at Santa Rita do Paraiso and that two were seized on the 22nd inst. at the Porto Alegre custom-house, at which they had been offered in payment of duties.

—The *Estrela Polar*, a Roman Catholic organ published at Pedreira, São Paulo, notes the revolt of a priest in the Ceará sertão against ecclesiastical authority, and that he has now removed to Salgueiro, in the Pernambuco sertão, where he has gathered about him a group of fanatics. This priest, Padre Cicero Romano Baptista, claims miraculous powers for a woman named Maria de Aranjó, and defies the bishop and others who seek to dispel his illusions. His followers are now proclaiming him a saint, and are prepared to resist any interference with him.

#### THE SANTOS REGATTA.

On Saturday, 19th inst., the newly reorganised "Club de Regatas Santistas" realized their first regatta at the Ponta de Praia, before a large and enthusiastic number of spectators.

The weather, despite a trifling too much wind, was favorable and the races were well contested.

The medals were presented to the winners by a committee of well known Santos ladies and the proceedings were enlivened by the bands "Colonial Potiguera" and "Lyra Commercial" who kindly volunteered their services.

The following are the results:

1st race: — Skiffs; 4 oars; "Xanthus," Ferreira (cox), Netto (stroke), Andrade, Wahy, Malheiros.

2nd race: — Gigs; 6 oars; "Omlina," Beyrodt (cox), Tross (stroke), Costa, Paterson, Wucherer, Scott Barboza, Ornelas.

3rd race: — Canoes; 4 oars (professional); 1st crew from Ubatuba;

2nd crew from São Sebastião.

4th race: — Pleasure boats; 4 oars (professional); 1st, "Silius" Viegas (cox).

5th race: — Skiffs; 4 oars.

A foul occurred shortly after the start and the race was in consequence declared void.

6th race: — Gigs; 6 oars; "Bella" rowed over; Puto (cox). Cardim (stroke), Ventum, Wahy, Bacellar, Hallais, Camara.

Another regatta has been announced for the 15th of November.

—A telegram of the 21st inst. to the *Republica*, of Porto Alegre, says that at that date João Francisco's press gangs were still at work at Alegrete.

—A Juiz de Fora telegram of the 23rd inst. says that a brute called Procópio Fructuoso Lopes had been found guilty of violating a child only eight months of age.

—One of the war correspondents in Bahia says that it will take 25,000 men to complete the siege of Camudos and that, if the place is stormed, the losses of the government troops are sure to be very heavy.

#### RAILROAD NOTES

—The contract for the lease of the Sobral (Ceará) railway to Srs. Sabala was signed on the 25th inst.

—It is stated that employees of the Oeste de Minas railway at Oliveira have not been paid for 11 months.

—Last month the Brazilian Coal Co. furnished to the Rio do Ouro railway 300 tons of coal valued at 20,254\$945.

—The state government of S. Paulo has approved the surveys on the Mogyana Co. branch line from Ribeirão Preto to Sertãozinho.

—The Mogyana company is soon to begin the construction of its branch line from Ribeirão Preto to Sertãozinho, which will pass through a very fertile zone.

—The state of Minas Geraes has conceded an interest guarantee on the railway west of S. Francisco to Barra de Jaraguá, and has extended the time fixed for the completion of the Pitangui branch.

—The *Correio*, of Campinas, São Paulo, of the 25th inst., says there were no Mogyana freight trains for the interior on the preceding day because of a dispute among the employees. The *Correio* asks if there is to be a strike.

—The nomination of Dr. Gustavo da Silveira as traffic manager of the Central railway, has been decided. The new official is said to have been highly successful on the Paulista line, and it is expected that he will soon issue a little order on the Central. There is certainly need of it.

—On the 20th inst., there arrived in this city a committee of the *União dos Estados* on the construction of the railway from Minas Geraes to Espírito Santo. This committee came for the purpose of laying to rest the rumors of wages for 500 of the employees, who, it is stated, have not been paid for 15 months.

—A report has been put about in London to the effect that Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Son had purchased the Brazilian Central railway from the Brazilian government for 5,000,000\$. The rumor amounts to being baseless. At any rate, it has been authoritatively contradicted by those who ought to know. —*European Mail*, Sept. 1.

—The car building firm of Jackson & Shop Company, of Wilmington, Del., has secured a contract from the American Great Western Railway Company, Limited, of Buenos Aires, for the construction of five first class sleeping cars. The cars will be built partly on the Pullman and partly on the *Arm* system, and will be 51 feet long, 10 feet 3 inches wide and arranged for a 5-foot 6-inch gauge. John D. Smith, an engineer of the railway company, has been in Wilmington supervising the drawing of the plans. —*N. Y. Journal of Commerce*, Aug. 14.

—It has been stated for some days past that the leases for a new *adit* in long tenders for the lease of the government railways, are being drawn up at the department of industry. This morning the newspaper announces that this *adit* will be for the shortest time possible, and that the initial payment will be 1,000,000\$, instead of 25,000,000\$. To this the *Republica* adds that a new proposal was made on Sunday last, through Messrs. Rothschilds, in which 14,000,000\$ were offered without asking for an interest guarantee. There seems to be some foundation for the report, and it may be assumed that the government is disposed to accept it.

—It is announced that satisfactory progress has been made towards the transfer of the Leopoldina system of railways to an English company with a loan in hand and advisory committee in Rio de Janeiro. The committee of bondholders recently received a cable message stating that their agent, Mr. Hendman, and the Banco da Republica were about to be appointed syndics, with possession of the property on August 30. Liquidation of the Brazilian company would then commence, and will probably last two months. Confirmation and extension of the various concessions are expected to be obtained, as well as the right to regulate rates and fix a paying basis. The final result, if achieved, will represent an advantageous settlement for all parties concerned. —*The Brazilian Government*, the local bond and stock holders, and the English bondholders. —*European Mail*, Sept. 1.

#### LOCAL NOTES

—The ironclad *Ayudaban* arrived at New Castle on the 25th inst.

—The rains last week caused the collapse of several walls and houses.

—An agricultural exposition is now open on the grounds of the Turf Club.

—The President has written to the President of Uruguay congratulating him on the conclusion of peace.

—Dr. Passos found it necessary, on taking charge of the Central railway, to dismiss 500 unemployed men.

—The pavements in this city seem to be growing worse and worse. Is it an indication of ineptitude, or sheer neglect?

—On the 23rd the senate formally recognized Col. Joaquim Rezende Corrêa de Lacerda as a minor Comte of Paraná.

—There has been a theft of mirrors and furniture from Humarany palace, and an inquiry is now going on in regard to the matter.

—It is reported that Col. Lomax, one of the revolutionary chiefs in Uruguay, is to marry a daughter of Gen. Koca, candidate for the Argentine presidency.

—The British cruiser *Leander*, from Chatham, arrived here on the 21st en route for the West Coast. The *Leander* is conveying the torpedo-boat *Uraguá*.

—The use of the sidewalks by bicyclists in some parts of the city is becoming a nuisance. Surely the footmen must have some rights which the world is bound to observe.

—Glycerin in congress wishes P.udente to complete his term of office; but Glycerin in the *Republica* wishes the President to quit office immediately. What is Prudente to do?

An anonymous letter has been received from Gen. Victoria thanking the President of Brazil for the proofs of sympathy and friendship given during the celebration of her jubilee.

An examination was made last week of the telephone cable connecting this city with Niterói, which was injured by the Chifan transport *Jacamar*. The dispute over the matter has been referred to arbitration.

On the night of the 21st inst. a child three years of age was killed by burglars at No. 25 Rua Vidal de N. gregios. Subsequent investigation has thrown suspicion on the 13th, who is held for further examination.

An error in our last issue placed the next smoking concert of the Larangeiras Club on 24th October, when it should have been 21st. Our local readers should make a note of the date so that they may not miss so important an entertainment.

We are in receipt of some notes from a subscriber which we would be very glad to use, but are excluded from doing so because our printer is obliged to send his name. We are greatly obliged for the copy, and sorry not to avail of it.

We were in exchange that Mr. Bryson, formerly a correspondent of the *New York Herald*, who had come from Cuba because of his hostility to Spain. Weyler wants no one but a Spaniard, and he is extremely low-minded. Mr. Bryson is a wide awake, energetic, and his opinion was probably that of the majority of the world.

The amount collected in this city by Dr. Aristides Aguiar, agent of the Cuban revolutionists, was 9,812\$90. After the purchase of a 500,000\$ debt of 1,321,441 payable to Bonifácio, a treasurer of the committee at New York, he remained a balance of 15\$. On 9th of the amount received was contributed to Dr. Rodolpho Miranda, who subscribed 10\$.

The Hippodromo Nacional races on Sunday were a really good by a bicycle race, the prizes being a gold medal for the first, and a silver medal for the second. The distance was 5,000 metros, and there were six entries. The race was closely contested, and the victor, Sr. Nelson, who rode a handsome American Montrose, won by two metres. The audience was indescribable, the crowd even carrying the bicycle around in triumph.

A destructive fire broke out in the "High-life" billiard saloon, No. 35 Rua do Theatro, on the morning of the 28th inst., completely destroying that building (formerly known as the Theatro S. Luiz) and two contiguous buildings, 146 A and 146 B, in Rua Sete de Setembro. The two adjoining buildings on Rua do Theatro were somewhat damaged by water. Below the billiard saloon was a deposit for Minas milk, a jeweller's shop, and an armario, which were completely burned out. The origin of the fire is not yet known. No estimate of the total losses has been published. The insurances are: billiard saloon 25,000\$; Salmirana; jeweller's shop 4,000\$; Gem; two tailor's shops on Rua Sete de Setembro 25,000\$ each in Varejistas and Suburbanos.

—The delegates to the convention of the prudentista party held their first meeting on Saturday. The only action taken at this meeting was to elect a committee of three to report on the credentials of the delegates. When the report is ready another meeting will be called. The meeting on Saturday was attended by 37 delegates.

—We are advised that the banquet on the 18th in honor of the 25th anniversary of King Oscar's coronation, was not attended by the Norwegians resident here. The anniversary of King Oscar's coronation in Norway occurred on the 26th, on which day the shipmasters in port decorated their ships and gave a banquet. It is not generally understood that there were two dates for this event, hence the error of stating that the Norwegians participated in the banquet of the 18th, which was a Swedish anniversary.

—It is to be hoped that the violence with which Senator Gomes de Castro has been assailed will not deter him from continuing to expose the wretched state of military affairs in Brazil. A large, costly, undisciplined and inefficient army is a grievous burden to the taxpayers and a disturbing factor in the financial and political situation. Of course there are persons interested in opposing the reduction and reorganization of the army; but for the sake of the general welfare their influence, we trust, will not be allowed to prevail.

#### CRICKET.

##### CLUB BRASILEIRO DE CRICKET VS NITCHEOV.

This match took place at Paysandu ground on the 19th inst. and ended in a win for the latter team by 55 runs. For the winners E. Morrissey, who quite mastered the club's bowling, played a faultless innings for his 29 not out, Brookling and Conolly also playing up to their usual form. For the club, Wheatley, Mawson and Skee were most conspicuous, the former punishing the ball well for his 18 and the two latter playing a very steady innings. Wucheler who was in fine bowling form, took 8 wickets for 15 runs.

Score as follows:

##### CLUB BRASILEIRO.

H. J. Reevés, b. W. Morrissey.....	3
E. J. King, b. C. Roberts.....	0
V. Tatani, b. do.....	8
O. Wucheler, b. do.....	3
H. L. Wheatley, b. R. Morrissey.....	18
L. Moura, b. W. Morrissey.....	3
J. B. Mawson, ct. and b. R. A. Brookling.....	12
A. C. Skee (cap.), b. W. Morrissey.....	14
A. Smythe, b. do.....	5
T. Nicolson, not out.....	3
J. Millions, ct. Allen b. W. Morrissey.....	0
Extras.....	5

Total..... 74

##### NITCHEOV.

W. Morrissey, run out.....	1
R. Morrissey, do.....	9
C. A. Conolly ct. Wheatley, b. Wucheler.....	28
R. A. Brookling (cap.) ct. Reeves do.....	21
C. H. T. Allen, ct. Mawson do.....	7
E. Morrissey, not out.....	29
C. Roberts, ct. Moura, b. Wucheler.....	1
M. Morrissey, b. do.....	0
H. P. Smith, ct. Reeves, do.....	19
A. E. Carré, b. do.....	2
A. C. Blake, ct. Reeves, do.....	0
Extras.....	12

Total..... 129

## BUSINESS NOTES

—The government of Paraguay has denounced its commercial treaty with Brazil.

—The directors of the British Bank of South America have declared a dividend on account of the current year of 3 per cent.

—The municipality of Santos has had the unoccupied ground belonging to the Carmo monastery appropriated for public use, it having been decided to erect a public market there.

—We are again approaching the hot season, when precautions are necessary to avoid fevers. Our readers should remember that Murray's fluid magnesia is now manufactured in the country, hence there is no need of buying imitations.

—Arrangements have been finally completed for the introduction of Japanese colonists into the state of São Paulo. The firm of Florita & Co., which has been so long engaged in the transportation of Italian laborers, has undertaken to bring them out.

—The president of the Banco do Commercio reports transactions for the year ended on the 30th of last June to the amount of 223,039,553,000, on which the bank's profit was 1,737,903,789. The dividends declared, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, amounted to 1,088,000.

—The August exports of rubber from the Amazon amounted to 1,008,458 kilogrammes, of which 636,258 were for the United States and 372,200 for Europe.

—What is needed in Brazil, you know, is a good journal that will contradict these croakers who are always asserting that the country is not prosperous. — "Why don't you establish such a journal?" — "Well, you see, the times are so hard that I can't get the money."

—The importers of electric supplies have addressed a memorandum to the tariff commission asking that articles belonging to this class of merchandise shall be properly classified at the custom-house. The almost prohibitive duties collected under the present classification are, they say, formidable obstacles to extending the use of electricity in Brazil.

—We have been favored with a call from Mr. George Routledge, special representative of the celebrated Stephens' inks, who is visiting South America in the interests of that important manufacturing establishment. The popularity of Stephens' inks has led to many counterfeits, and it is Mr. Routledge's special business to ferret them out and put a stop to the fraud.

—Forty chests of adulterated tea which had been condemned by Inspector Toolley have been burned in a large furnace in the basement of the Appraisers' Building, in San Francisco, the importer having failed to either appeal from the inspectors' finding or export the stuff at his own expense, as required by the new law passed by Congress and approved on March 2, 1897. This is the first destruction of tea under the provisions of the new law. — *N. Y. Shipping List*, Aug. 21.

—Some time ago the municipal government of this city made a contract with Manoel Gomes de Oliveira for supplying butchers' shops with fresh beef at 500 reis a kilo. Recently, however, the municipal council altered the contract so as to permit the contractor to adopt a sliding scale of prices varying, with fluctuations in exchange, from 300 reis to \$200. As this alteration is equivalent to a new contract, made without previously calling for tenders, the prefect of the Federal District has very properly vetoed the resolution of the council, which, as he says, would, if executed, give the contractor an odious monopoly and increase, for his benefit, the cost of an almost indispensable article of food.

## COFFEE NOTES

—The *Diario Popular* of São Paulo is informed that the recent drought caused considerable injury to the blossom on the coffee plantations in the western districts of that state.

—A Campinas (S. Paulo) telegram of the 23rd says that it had been raining there for two days. This means a welcome break in the drought which was reported to be damaging the coffee plantations.

—We must not be expected to tell planters how they can get better prices for their coffee, but we can give them other information equally valuable. If they can induce the general state and municipal governments to make a reduction of 100,000,000 in their useless expenditure, the effect will be equivalent to a rise of several mill reis per arroba in the price of the principal product of Brazil.

—The following is a statement of the exportation of coffee from the state of Espírito Santo for the last 6½ years:

1891.....	18,547,837 kilos
1892.....	16,665,961 "
1893.....	21,763,169 "
1894.....	23,217,161 "
1895.....	24,630,683 "
1896.....	25,153,751 "
1897 (half-year).....	14,314,594 "

—The *Diario*, of S. Carlos do Pinhal, São Paulo, says that with the prices of coffee at 85 and 95 per ten kilos, the crop deficient, wages the same as when coffee brought 255 the arroba, and a prospect of a crop failure for the coming year, the outlook for the coffee planter is not at all encouraging. Many planters are prophesying absolute ruin because the 1898 crop will be a failure. This picture is evidently too sombre; the coffee planter is not in so bad a condition.

—Judge Addison Brown, in the United States district court, yesterday handed down an opinion in the libel filed by Julius Steinwender and others, Elmhurst and others and Crossman and others — consolidated libels — against the steamship *Mexican Prince*, and John C. Seager to recover \$36,500 for damages to 965 bags of coffee shipped at Rio de Janeiro for New York. The damage had been caused by water from one of the steamship's tanks, it was claimed through neglect of proper attention to one of the valves. Judge Brown said he was of opinion that the damage was covered by the exemptions of the third section of the Harter Act, and he therefore dismissed the libels with costs. — *N. Y. Journal of Commerce*, August 25.

## FINANCIAL NOTES

—The police at Campinas, São Paulo, are now trying to check the issue of *tales* in that city which circulate as fractional currency.

—The *caixa da amortização* is about to begin substituting the outstanding issues of banknotes with new notes of the treasury. The first substitutions will be those of the 500, 200 and 100 notes.

—A bill has been presented to the Ceará state assembly authorizing the state government to loan eight hundred contos to some bank, which shall in turn loan it out to needy industries for long periods and at a low rate of interest.

—If congress could see and appreciate the distrust abroad in regard to Brazilian finances, perhaps it would then be possible to decide upon some measure of real economy. The fact is, Brazil is spending much more than her income, and the investor knows it.

—The *junta administrativa* of the redemption bureau has resolved to extend to July 1898 the time for the gratuitous exchange of outstanding banknotes. Why not facilitate this exchange by instructing all public departments to retain all such notes and send them in for redemption?

—The governor of the state of Espírito Santo in his last message recognizes the existence of a "terrible general crisis," which, he says, is producing financial difficulties throughout the whole country. As we stated last year, when we had occasion to refer to some of the effects of this crisis, it is useless to attempt to conceal it. And this now seems to be the general opinion, even among those who at that time assailed us for telling the truth.

—The revenue of the state of Espírito Santo for 1896 had been estimated at 4,092,174\$, but the amount actually collected was only 3,875,021\$491. The expenditure amounted to 5,124,694\$197, the deficit, consequently, being 1,249,669\$706. During the first half of the present year the receipts amounted to 1,612,030\$441 and the disbursements to 1,105,703\$016. This, however, does not embrace the whole of the revenue and expenditure for the half year, since full returns of the former had not been received when the statement was made, and there were still accounts to be paid, including interest on the foreign debt, to the amount of 480,000\$.

—The budget bill now under discussion in the state assembly of Minas Geraes estimates the receipts for 1898 at 19,532,660\$ and fixes the expenditures at 19,529,379\$250. Of the receipts, 15,000,000\$ are to be from export duties, 1,350,000\$ from the "consumption tax" levied on imports, and 1,180,000\$ from stamp taxes. Among the principal expenditures are: state police 3,014,963\$, courts of justice 1,640,000\$, primary instruction 2,400,200\$, interest and amortization of the funded debt 4,212,327\$250, public works 800,000\$, etc. The important item of subscriptions and interest guarantees is omitted, but the governor is authorized to satisfy such obligations by means of loans.

—Correcting figures published in the *Puiz*, a writer in the *Gazeta de Notícias* says that the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto had at its disposal resources amounting to 1,030,000,000\$. It completely exhausted those resources and moreover left to its successor liabilities amounting to 100,000,000\$. Thus, according to the writer's figures, in three years that disastrous administration squandered 1,130,000,000\$ leaving the country in such an exhausted condition that the financial situation, as was to be expected, has steadily grown worse. And there can be no cause to hope for improvement until confidence is restored and the people become convinced that there is no longer any danger of a return to the political and financial anarchy which characterized the administration of Marshal Floriano Peixoto.

—On the 23rd inst., Deputy Serzedello presented a bill designed to improve the financial situation. The bill authorizes a 5 per cent. guarantee on the 5,500,000\$ which the government asks for the Central railway, and also an increase in the freight rates. It provides for the conversion of the 4 per cent. gold *apólices* into 5 per cent. currency, on a two months notice. For the redemption of paper money, it sets apart 2,500,000\$ from the sum received for the Central railway, a 10 per cent. additional tax on all imports for ten years, the revenue from the apólices in the treasury to guarantee bank issues, the revenue from the apólices received from the Banco da República, budget balances and appropriations, the net product of two great annual lotteries. After exchange has risen to 200, the government will withdraw all notes under 10\$, substituting silver. After it has reached 180, one third the import duties will be collected in gold. The forced legal tender of treasury notes will cease on January 1, 1907, after which the 200,000,000\$ then in circulation, will be convertible into gold.

—The last report of the secretary of finance of the state of Minas Geraes shows that the revenue of the state for 1895 amounted to 20,456,009\$366. The ordinary expenditure amounted to 14,313,547\$459 and the extraordinary to 13,755,843\$488, making a total of 28,069,390\$947. The incomplete returns for 1896 contained in the report show receipts to the amount of 19,419,372\$551 and disbursements on account of ordinary expenditure amounting to 15,797,744\$998.

—The *Puiz* has published figures intended to show that, although President Prudente de Moraes during three years of his administration has had at his disposal resources amounting to 1,326,399,000\$, while those at Marshal Floriano Peixoto's disposal, in a similar period, amounted to only 871,995,508\$, yet under the former's wasteful administration the financial situation, instead of improving, has constantly grown worse. The statement may be true, but, when made without explanation, it is manifestly unjust to the present head of the government, who when he took office found a situation constantly growing worse under the influence of deleterious factors created during the administration of his predecessor. Surrounded by the latter's followers, with whom for reasons best known to himself he chose to compromise and by whom his most patriotic resolutions were invariably thwarted, he was, of course, unable to adopt a sound and consistent financial policy. He has now, however, broken definitely, it seems, with his pernicious allies and, if he finds in the country sufficient patriotism to give him the requisite support, he will, we venture to hope, take steps for overcoming the financial difficulties for which he apparently has no responsibility beyond that of having been hitherto powerless to check their growth.

#### A STRIKING COMPARISON.

The *Jornal do Commercio* of the 24th inst. publishes the following striking comparison between the expenses on the personnel of the various public departments in 1890 and 1897. The figures cover salaries, gratifications, uniforms and rations of officials, employees, soldiers and laborers, for whom provisions are made in the annual budgets. A great part of the increased cost is of course counterbalanced by the depreciation of the currency. The table is as follows:

1897	1890	Personnel expenditure
15,701,755\$001	15,701,755\$001	
1,250,500 000	1,250,500 000	
131	131	
20,312,931 800	20,312,931 800	
15,316,682 343	15,316,682 343	
9,920,000 000	9,920,000 000	
6,999,226 100	6,999,226 100	
30,474,658 812	30,474,658 812	
4,406,400 000	4,406,400 000	
11,716,500 000	11,716,500 000	
107,719,205\$26	107,719,205\$26	
42,598	39,953,614\$15	

The above, of course, contains only the amounts asked for in the annual budgets, and does not include deficiency and special appropriations, which in the war department would considerably swell the total. For some inexplicable reason the important department of industry, communications and public works is not included in the table. This department, which employs many men and spends large sums of money, would undoubtedly increase the gap between the two years.

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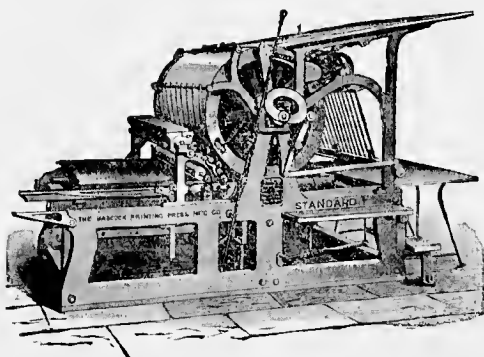
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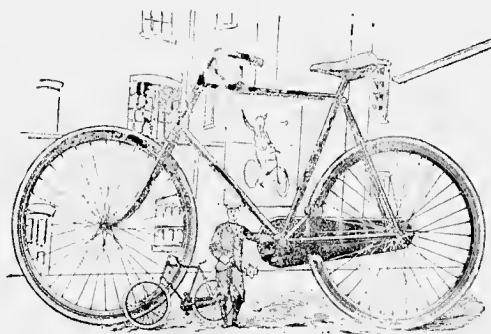


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